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DE920000115US1

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Signature Beatrice ZepedaTyped or printed name Beatrice ZepedaIn re Application of
Matthias Stefan BierbrauerApplication Number
10/015,301 Filed
12/12/2001

For Method and System For Automated.....

Art Unit
2136 Examiner
Pramila Parthasarathy

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1))

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____

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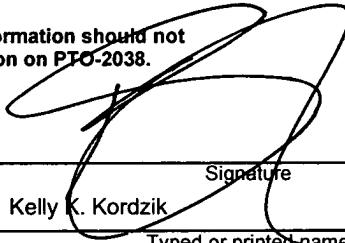
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assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

attorney or agent of record. Registration number 36,571.

attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34. December 28, 2005

Signature


Kelly K. Kordzik

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Telephone number

December 28, 2005

Date

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Application Number	10/015,301
Filing Date	December 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Matthias Stefan Bierbrauer
Art Unit	2136
Examiner Name	Pramila Parthasarathy
Attorney Docket Number	DE920000115US1

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

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Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C.		
Signature			
Printed name	Kelly Kordzik		
Date	December 28, 2005	Reg. No.	36,571

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 500.00)

Complete if Known

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Examiner Name	Pramila Parthasarathy
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Order

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Deposit Account Name IBM Corporation

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid(\$)</u>
Utility Filing Fee	790	395	_____
Design Filing Fee	350	175	_____
Plant Filing Fee	550	275	_____
Reissue Filing Fee	790	395	_____
Provisional Filing Fee	160	80	_____

Subtotal (1) \$

Subtotal (2) \$

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20	50	25
Each independent claim over 3	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
For Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) **Fee Paid (\$)**
 _____ - 36 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____
 HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) **Fee Paid (\$)**
 _____ - 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____
 HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

Multiple Dependent Claims Fee (\$) **Fee Paid (\$)**

Subtotal (2) \$

3. OTHER FEES

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid(\$)</u>
1-month extension of time	120	60	_____
2-month extension of time	450	225	_____
3-month extension of time	1,020	510	_____
4-month extension of time	1,590	795	_____
5-month extension of time	2,160	1,080	_____
Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	_____
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	_____
Non-English specification	130	130	_____
Notice of Appeal	500	250	500
Filing a brief in support of appeal	500	250	_____
Request for oral hearing	1,000	500	_____
Other: _____			

Subtotal (3) \$ 500

SUBMITTED BY

Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 36.571	Telephone 512.370.2851
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